

Mt. Greylock Regional School District

Finance Sub Committee

Date: June 18, 2020

Location: via Zoom virtual meeting

Start: 5:34 PM

Adjourn: 6:36 PM

Per Governor Baker's order suspending certain provisions of the Open Meeting Law, G.L.c. 30A sec. 20, this meeting will take place virtually via ZOOM

In Attendance :

Committee Members:

Jamie Art, Regina DiLego, Carrie Greene

Others: Supt Kim Grady, Asst Supt/Bus Mgr Andrea Wadsworth, Stephen Dravis- iBerkshires, Stephanie Boyd

- I. Call meeting to order at 5:
- II. Approve meeting minutes:
 - A, June 4, 2020 Greene moved, Art seconded discussion noted a few typos to correct. Greene aye Art aye DiLego aye
- III. Review of warrants: Discussion regarding a payroll item paying out 12 days of vacation time to the Assistant Superintendent of Business and Finance – decision on this belongs to the full school committee per contract language. The decision was to hold on this payroll warrant until the next School Committee meeting. In response to a query, Wadsworth responded that the full payroll warrant was already in process and would be paid out this week. Greene proposed recommending to the full Committee to go forward with the recommendation the payout of the vacation time as shown. Art asked the language in Wadsworth's contract. DiLego read it "Up to five (5) vacation days may be compensated by the Employer at the end of the fiscal year at the Employee's per diem rate. Additionally, up to five (5) vacation days may be rolled into sick leave accumulation." Art was not comfortable moving forward on an item that the Committee needs to decide. Other warrant questions : Greene questioned the payment of Superintendent dues and for what fiscal they were : FY21 Superintendent Roundtable dues and MASS dues, Greene asked clarification on Drury Officials payment – fall 2020, a couple of other items questioned and answered satisfactorily. Art to sign all but the payroll warrant previously discussed.
- IV. Discussion of possible Fields Infrastructure Advisory Committee: Greene presented her Athletic Infrastructure Advisory Committee Proposal for discussion (attached). She stated that Chair Conry had made it clear that the chair needed to be a school committee member and Conry appointed Greene to do that. She noted that Stephanie Boyd had offered to co-chair, and John Skavlem offered to cochair or council only. Art felt the recommended slate

was a great group of people. There was back and forth discussion adding consultants and names which Greene added to her sheet. Names discussed were Bridget Spann, Fred Newcomb, Ray Jones as a consultant (Energetic Lawn Care has a 3-year contract to care for the existing fields now), John Dupras, Matt Sheehy, Thomas Bartels and Gary Polumbo. Matt Sheehy and Thomas Bartels had served on the Superintendent's working group and done cost analysis. Grady noted that Lanesborough representation was necessary. All agreed. Grady will review possible members and get back to Greene with suggestions. She also mentioned that if the advisory committee will be working during the summer it will need to be volunteer time for faculty since it is outside of the contract year. Also, requirements for the fall are not clear and may impact available participation. She asked Greene the believed time commitment to which Greene responded meetings every 2 to 3 weeks with tasks in between. Greene would like a couple of students but does not want to tap the two who previously served as they already devoted a great deal of time to the project. Grady will review student groups for suggestions. Art felt the direction is good but felt the charge needed to be more clearly defined by defining the outstanding questions for the advisory group to answer. He noted that we need Title IX and ADA compliance and a financially feasible and sustainable improvement of our playing fields – whatever that may be. Stephanie Boyd asked if there is a budget for the committee's work to pay potential consultants. Art stated that it makes sense to have one but that it would be a School Committee decision. Greene noted that whatever is spent on this will eat away the Williams gift. She summarized outstanding questions as 1. Do we install a natural turf field 2. Do we install an artificial turf field and 3. Do we add no additional field and stay with the existing field and if so, what do we need to do to make that sustainable? Greene asked if she should bring her updated sheet back to the Finance Committee or to the School Committee. DiLego noted that she felt comfortable enough with the information discussed and presented that Greene should bring the updated version to the full Committee. Art agreed. Art asked if a budget was necessary. DiLego noted that Art Eddy has always gotten paid every time he is used by Phase II. Greene asked about the proposal for the existing field repair. It was put together by PJC and Grady will send it to her. Greene asked about their fee. Grady stated she would get clarification from Tim Sears on that. Greene asked the cost for Art Eddy. Grady said that Traverse (Eddy's employer) is a subcontractor through Perkins Eastman so she would have to ask Dan Colli of Perkins Eastman that question (Andrea will follow-up). She had a scheduled call with him at 7 pm. She would ask what the fee would be to consult on this project for a few months. Greene envisions 3-6 months as a resource for questions only. She also requested faculty or staff that also coach be asked to volunteer for the committee. Grady will reach out to them.

V. Other business not anticipated by the Chair within 48 hours of the meeting: None

VI. DiLego moved to adjourn at 6:36 pm. Greene seconded. Greene aye, DiLego aye, Art aye.

Respectfully submitted by Regina DiLego

Athletic Infrastructure Advisory Group Proposal, June 18, 2020

Charge: to build upon the work of the Phase II subcommittee and address the outstanding questions/concerns of the athletic infrastructure; to gather and assess the work that has been done; to research solutions to outstanding questions

Deliverable: Present 2-3 options to the School Committee by mid-October 2020 for resolving current challenges to athletic infrastructure

What problems are we trying to solve?

Political - how to build community support (and trust) for process and outcome

Financial - how to finance project initially and long term

Structural - how to resolve the increased need for adequate playing surface - Is it clear there is an increased need? ... Maybe determine long term sports field needs.

What are outstanding questions? - this will be critical to define

Fin Com/SC needs to define so committee is not defining its own scope/charge

Title IX/ADA

Financially feasible/sustainable improvement of playing fields

Opt 1: existing fields

Opt 2: existing fields, new turf field +/- track

Opt 3: existing fields, additional natural grass field +/- track

Did phase II already rule out options one and three?

What structure/process do we want to use?

Small committee, bring in others to consult?

Report to MG Fin Com or MG SC?

Meet every 2-3 weeks

What actions are needed?

1. Follow Open Meeting Law - post meetings, record meetings, take minutes, post minutes
2. Develop website to host documentation for full access and transparency
3. Define outstanding questions
4. Plan/Moderate community outreach - public forums, focus groups, etc.
5. Develop pros/cons for 2-3 options (perhaps define criteria for evaluating options)
6. Develop plans for short and long term financing for each option
7. Research solutions to outstanding issues

Membership:

Carrie Greene, co-chair, MG School Committee

Stephanie Boyd (co-chair?) Wmst Planning Board, civil engineer

John Skavlem - Phase II Chair - or consultant

John Dupras - civil engineer (Trinity, Kim has contact, Stamford VT)

C - Matt Sheehy - financials

Courtney Wade? Information Systems/Research - thinking about it

2 Lanesborough reps Gordon Hubbard? new selectman Murphy. Someone from the recreation committee which may involve police officers and sports. Bill Auger/Phase II (construction, Lanesborough recreation, limited availability) OR Tim Sorrel OR Perry Petricca?

C - Lindsey von Holtz - Director of Athletics and Co-Curricular Activities at MG - Ask Jake (not work summer months returns early August) - Kim will survey faculty/staff coaches

K- Faculty coaches - would need to be volunteer-basis
K -Tim Sears - Director of Buildings and Grounds (Brandon Kraus, grounds)
K - MG student(s) - school council/student council

Expert Consultants:

Kim Grady - Superintendent
Amie Hane - PAC Representative, ADA Compliance
Mary MacDonald - Principal/former Principal
Jake Schutz - Vice-Principal/Principal
Paula Consolini - community outreach, Wmst Fin Com
Student Government
School Council representative
*Art Eddy - Traverse Architect (subcontracted via Perkins Eastman)
Ray Jones - Fields consultant (currently doing work on fields)
Guntlow - Civil Engineer
Gary Polumbo - construction expertise (Maximillion)
Jim Easton, Taconic Golf Club Greens Manager
Bridget Spann - Natural grass fields
*Fred Newcombe PJC Organics (supplier of materials)

*Is there a budget? For consultants?

Proposal to fix the existing fields

Selection of Documents

Athletic Infrastructure Questions (cg)
https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1_R0m1e1O9kE6Yg7WXJZ2X4vVvMRG5-q6CkNjvt0Me1q/edit?usp=sharing

Historical Timeline 2016-19 (cg)
<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1NwjilFPXStla1JJdrIT8WenMEDY6JVdk>

School Committee Presentation Sept 9, 2016 (cg)
<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1GKEf9y3jKkyR-tJuqZzpw06LUWI8UYLc/view?usp=sharing>

Community Forum Video July 30, 2019

<https://vimeo.com/351240614>

Community Forum PPT Presentation July 30, 2019
https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1JT_j77XIkVzDMqjEhflMSRd_kwAgoK9n

Community Forum minutes July 30, 2019
<https://tinyurl.com/yc52emct>

Documents presented at Forum

Turf Field Fact Sheet June 2016
https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1JT_j77XIkVzDMqjEhflMSRd_kwAgoK9n
Natural Grass Case Study
https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1JT_j77XIkVzDMqjEhflMSRd_kwAgoK9n

Turf Cost Analysis June 2016

https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1JT_j77XIkVzDMgjEhflMSRd_kwAgoK9n

Marblehead grass case study June 2016

https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1JT_j77XIkVzDMgjEhflMSRd_kwAgoK9n

Phase II Packet Aug 8, 2019

<https://tinyurl.com/yampfoxx>

Phase II Minutes Aug 8, 2019

<https://tinyurl.com/ybzvjynp>

Phase II FAQ Aug 8, 2019

<https://tinyurl.com/ydc95hcs>

Bid Review Packet Sept 23 2019

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1GKEf9y3jKkyR-tJuqZzpw06LUWI8UYLc/view>

Bid Review minutes Sept 23, 2019

<https://tinyurl.com/yc4tnxm6>

Phase II Minutes Sept 26, 2019

<https://tinyurl.com/yablhpue>

Phase II packet Oct 1, 2019

<https://tinyurl.com/y7ohaz3h>

Phase II Minutes Oct 1, 2019

<https://tinyurl.com/yd99bsj7>

Phase II Packet Dec 9, 2019

<https://tinyurl.com/ybyncjux>

Draft FAQ Dec 9, 2019

<https://tinyurl.com/y9otkbmd>

PPT Presentation (from July 30, 2019)

<https://tinyurl.com/yac1seet>

Community Feedback and response documents, Aug/Sept 2019

<https://sboydworks.wixsite.com/mgrhsturf>

Community Letter January 28, 2020

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1wqXhT0B4ZaOEX0BTOMKBJfEJSRi72nfh/view?usp=sharing>

Jesse Wirtes field assessment - 5 years ago

Toxic Use Reduction Institute, UMass Lowell

https://www.turi.org/Our_Work/Community/Artificial_Turf/Resources